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ROSCOE CONKLING.
It is fitting that the people should mourn when a great man dies.
ROSCOE CONKLING was pre-eminent among a million—standing above the mass like a mountain peak on a plain. In lamenting his loss the State and the nation pay tribute to high intellectual endowments, to spotless character, to great capacity for and faithfulness in the public service, and to a character unique in our politics for independence, courage, a proud integrity, a chivalric devotion to friends, and fearless hostility to foes.
ROSCOE CONKLING flattered no man because he was rich or powerful, and despised no man because he was poor, or black, or in humble station. His premature death is a national loss.

THE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT.
The Bridge Trustees, by a unanimous vote, have rejected the extravagant and complicated WELLINGTON plan, which involved the sacrifice of valuable real estate at both ends of the structure and proposed to add to its debt nearly enough to build another bridge. They approved Engineer MARTIN'S plan, which will improve the approaches and nearly treble the carrying capacity of the bridge trains, at a cost of only \$773,000, instead of the \$7,000,000 proposed.
This business-like settlement of the question will meet all the requirements of the situation and does credit to the judgment of the Trustees.

HOW IS THIS?
Eighteen Italian marble-cutters, hired abroad by agents of a Boston quarry firm whose workmen are on a strike for decent wages, were yesterday permitted to land at this port upon an alleged report of the Emigration Commissioners that they do not come under the ban of the Anti-Contract Law.
We are informed that but two Commissioners acted in this manner—STANB and STEPHENSON—and that their investigation was farcical. Knights of Labor made affidavit that each of the Italians received money and directions from the agents of the Boston firm abroad, clearly constituting a contract.
What is the influence that permits contract foreign laborers to land, while sending back able-bodied young women whose moral record doesn't suit the satraps?

BOGUS DOCTORS.
The doctor with a double-barreled name, detected in his unlawful impositions by World reporters, was yesterday held for trial by Justice MURRAY.
The bogus doctor prescribed the same medicine for totally different diseases to two men, neither of whom was ill. He practically admitted on the examination that he gave the same "prescriptions" to all patients for all diseases.
This is not only a very mean kind of swindling, but it is trifling with human health and life. The "snake" doctors should be suppressed.

The failure of the Grand Jury to indict FEUERBACH, whose mistress was found dead in his room after a quarrel, shot both in her back and her breast, with the man standing over her body, was certainly a strange proceeding. The District-Attorney's office seems to be unable either to indict presumptive criminals or to convict them as indicted.

The beer drought has not led to any actual suffering as yet. Men can drink ale, porter, Rhine wine, lemonade or even water on a pinch.
When the Aldermen fall out and go to abusing each other the people get an inside view of "how we are governed."

Without Pain.
(From *Tease Strips*.)
Patient jumping from the dentist's chair and crying with anguish:
"Oh! oh! oh! I thought you said you pulled teeth without pain!"
Dentist (smiling pleasantly)—So I do; it doesn't hurt me any.

What He Wanted.
(From the *Washington Critic*.)
She (very rich)—You do me great honor, Mr. Jenkins, to ask my hand in marriage. I am very sorry.
He (very poor)—Don't mention it, Miss Banker. Please don't mention it. It isn't my money I want; it's money.

ABOUT TOWN GOSSIP.

Capt. McAdam has great success in drilling probationary firemen.
Charles Isaac, the Superintendent of Post-Office Station K, has a head like Bill Nye's.
J. M. Ketcham, the Yorkville electrician, thinks he can do twice as good work at his new desk as at the old one.
Pretty Annie Jacobson says she sells more Womans than any other paper at her East Seventy-ninth street stand.
Commissioner Crokers term expires on May 1, and the Mayor will then have two appointments to that Board to make.
P. R. Mytinger, the Yorkville amateur photographer, succeeded in taking twelve instantaneous views of Mr. Crowley recently.

WORLDINGS.
Conductor George Rickabough, of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific road, recently ejected from his train, at Farmington, a tully who had refused to pay his fare. People who saw the affair, admired the conductor's pluck so much that when he passed over the line again they presented him with a box of fine cigars and a belt, on which was engraved the inscription, "To George Rickabough, conductor and champion of the R. V. Division."
Herman Gottschalk, a New York merchant, was one of the rare and valuable coins of King Solomon's time known as a boy's wheel. It is of bronze and gold, about the size of an ordinary copper cent, and derives its name from the fact that it was only used in the old temple at Jerusalem on certain festival days. Mr. Gottschalk is said to have been offered \$500 for it by the authorities of the Antiquarian Department of the British Museum.

One of the wealthiest men in the Northwestern States is Commodore Kitchin, of St. Paul, whose fortune is estimated at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The greater portion of his wealth was made in steamboating and through his connection with the Hudson Bay Company. His mansion on Summit avenue is the finest in the city and is said to have cost \$500,000. Although nearing the eightieth milestone of his life, the Commodore is still a man of vigorous constitution.

An interesting feature of the series in the Trinity Methodist Church at Denver a few Sundays ago, was a sermon by the Rev. R. S. Long, a delegate from Foochow, China, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be held in New York in May. He is the first Chinese minister to be sent as a delegate to this conference. He is forty-eight years old, and has been preaching the Gospel in China for twenty-five years. He dresses in the native costume.

Hypnotism in Texas.
(From *Tex-Ed*.)
Hypnotism is the latest craze in Texas. It is the latest craze in Texas. It is the latest craze in Texas.

ALL IN A FRIENDLY RIVALRY.
An interesting contest at Miss Mattie Lee's White Apron party.
Kasefang's Assembly Rooms, at Twenty-sixth street and Seventh avenue, was crowded last night with the friends of Miss Mattie Lee, who came to attend a white apron party. There were guests of six, eight, ten, twelve, and fifteen. At 2 A. M., after having chosen a jury composed of Mrs. Underhill, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. W. H. Harrison and Mr. Holton to decide on the merits of the aprons, the grand march was started.
The jury weighed the handsome silver water pitcher to Miss Sally Bennett, who wore a salmon silk apron handsomely embroidered. Lucy Smith was a good second.
A gold-headed umbrella was also to be presented to the young man wearing the highest collar. The contest was between Jesse James and Hank. Hank, followed by Paris Archer and Mr. Swallower, Hank Caldwell got the umbrella. Mr. Robinson acted as door manager, and a right good one he was.

A FUNERAL AT THE MORGUE.
Simple Norwegian Services in Keeper White's Office This Morning.
People who happened into Keeper White's office at the Morgue between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning stumbled upon a pathetic little group gathered about the simple coffin in which lay the body of a Norwegian laborer.
The dead man was a Norwegian laborer who had been ill in Bellevue Hospital. He had been in the hospital for a week, and was found dead in his room. He was a man of about 40 years of age, and was a native of Norway. He was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, and was a devout worshiper. He was a man of good character, and was a member of the Norwegian labor union. He was a man of good character, and was a member of the Norwegian labor union. He was a man of good character, and was a member of the Norwegian labor union.

Freezing in Iowa—Blizzard in Michigan.
(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
CHICAGO, April 18.—A special despatch from Central Iowa says the weather is very cold, the thermometer registering below the freezing point. Despatches received from Michigan report a blizzard raging there.

Justifiable.
(From the *City Herald*.)
If cigarette men are to be treated as well as they should be, what matter? All's well that ends well.

New Faces at the Hotels.
William W. Hyde, of Hartford, is at the Hoffman.
George Carmichael, of Providence, is at the Sturtevant.
J. E. Welling, of Chicago, has rooms at the Fifth Avenue.
T. F. Burgesdorff, U. S. N., has rooms at the Fifth Avenue.
Bligh Cochrane, a Boston yacht builder, is at the Hoffman.
A. G. Gates, of Rochester, is sheltered at the Hoffman.
Lucius Tuttle, of Montreal, has accommodations at the Hoffman.
Austin Lathrop, State Superintendent of Prisons, is at the Gleney.
Squire Frank Hiscock is back in his old quarters at the Fifth Avenue.
A. H. Fish, a Detroit merchant, sees his friends at the Fifth Avenue.
W. C. Warren and Harman E. Mack, of Buffalo, are at the St. James.
Lee Ross, of Paris, is seeing the sights of New York. He is at the Hoffman.
E. M. Hootch, of Boston, and W. M. Lewis, of Louisville, are at the Hoffman.
Robert A. Hampson, a member of the Canadian Parliament, is at the St. James.
Among the Grand's guests are Omond M. Sisk, U. S. A., and A. C. Peck, a Troy merchant.
E. L. Booth, a partner of Claus Spreckels, the Pacific coast sugar refiner, has rooms at the St. James.
Registered at the Hotel Dam are A. Webster, of Baltimore; E. P. Johnson, of Montpelier; Harry J. Ross, of Jamestown, and J. S. Judson, of Boston.

Among the new arrivals at the Union Square Hotel are E. H. Liker, of Saratoga; J. Brown, of Baltimore; George Parker, of Chicago, and S. Hopkins, of Rochester.
Registered today at the Morton House are J. W. Tuttle, of Boston; J. A. Wilson, of Bridgeport; James Scott, of Kingston; William H. Mitchell, of Albany; William Carroll, of Philadelphia; and William H. Stearns, of Boston.

THE PIRATE KING.

A Terror of the River Front.
From the Scrap-Book of
ALEXANDER S. WILLIAMS,
Inspector of the Metropolitan Police.

PART I.

(WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE EVENING WORLD.)



Twenty years ago and for the ensuing ten years in the seventies merchants were greatly harassed in this city and its suburban towns by the depredations of pirates. They were organized into gangs led by such sharp and daring men as Jerry McAuley, Michael Dunn and men of that stripe, who covered their tracks so shrewdly that it was impossible for a long time to detect the criminals or recover their plunder.

Jerry McAuley, weary of the life, made up his mind while in Sing Sing Prison to reform, and upon his release he informed the police that he had committed his last crime and henceforth would lead an honest career. He kept his word, became interested in the reformation of the criminal classes, started the Water Street Mission, and died while manager of the Cremorne Mission. His funeral was one of the most imposing and numerously attended of any public man in New York for many years.

Mike Dunn, too, fell into line and resolved to become a virtuous and valuable citizen. In a life of fifty years he had spent nearly thirty in prison, his crimes extending over two continents and nearly every State and Territory in this country. His home for the care and education of ex-convicts became a fixed institution and is still in existence in the building near Police Headquarters. Dunn, like McAuley, ceased to worry the police and died full of honors.

When these men retired from the lists as professional thieves who hovered around the river front, hiding in riot under cover of darkness, others sprang to the breach and there was a strife for leadership. The boldness and dash of the operations soon settled the controversy, and Jim Ward, better known as Jim Waddy, alias Charlie Meyer, was acknowledged as the great practical chief of New York Bay. He was the recognized leader of the once infamous Slaughter-House Gang, and had his rendezvous at James ship and Water street.

A TERROR TO THE COMMUNITY.
For many years New York had been terrorized by gangs whose rendezvous were centrally located in the sections awarded to them for their separate and distinct fields of operations. Waddy was a sort of generalissimo, with the spirit of a desperado, and the nerve of an electric battery and the authority of a martinet. He ruled with an iron hand, and when he issued orders his subjects obeyed without a murmur. His associates were outlaws and thieves—men who preferred outlawry to leading an honest life.



A GROUP OF RIVER THIEVES.
Waddy, in his earlier career, was a common thief—one who would steal anything he could lay his hands upon, from a handkerchief to a pocketbook, and was chosen as leader to this lawless gang as a man who could be trusted rather than for any wonderful work he had done. His last achievement was a clever robbery in Fordham, for which he got a term of ten years in Sing Sing, and his "honorable mention" in thieves' parlance, consisted of two other terms in prison, his other offenses being robbery and piracy. His pals were "Patsy" Conroy and Larry Griffin, the masked burglars who made a successful raid upon the unsuspecting and unprotected residents of the Catskills; John Lowery and Mattie Ryan, the latter having served three years in prison for plunging a wicked-looking knife into the bowels of a man who surprised him in the act of committing a burglary.

A GANG OF PIRATES.
The Slaughter-House Gang was composed of many of the worst characters known in criminal annals. Said and Howitt were conspicuous members of it. They made a midnight raid on a schooner at anchor off Staten Island, and in escaping, after being detected, shot the captain down in cold blood. They were arrested, convicted of piracy, and were hung together on a crossbeam galleys on Bedloe's Island. Johnny Lowery was one of their pals and did service for the State on two occasions for piracy and robbery. These men were secrecy-bound by a terrible oath, which sacrificed their lives in case of betrayal, and they stood by each other under all circumstances, never fearing betrayal and confident of building an alibi when an emergency arose requiring such a defense. In this gang there was honor among thieves, and an oath meant something.

It was a bright moonlight night in June, 1875, when the gang started out in a small boat, from the Slaughter-House Point boat on a tour of robbery. A fleet of schooners was at anchor in the bay, near the Staten Island and New Jersey shores. The captains and crew were in their bunks asleep and nothing disturbed the midnight stillness but the beating of the waves against the side of the vessels as they rose and fell on the murmuring waters.
The small boat glided noiselessly across the stream, not a word being uttered by the

DRAWN BY SKILFUL PENS.

A UNIQUE DISPLAY BY PUPILS OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 23.

Principal O'Neill to Exhibit the Work Done by the Boys in Writing, Map-Making and General Drawing—Gratifying Results Accomplished by Months of Training—Interest Felt in the Show.

Just to show what could be done under the old, ordinary methods, Principal Hugh P. O'Neill has arranged for a unique exhibition at Grammar School No. 23, in City Hall place, from 1 to 5 P. M. to-morrow.
The school is for boys only, and the exhibition will consist of work accomplished by the boys of different grades in writing, map-making and general drawing during the term ending April 1, the day on which manual training was introduced in this school.

There are nearly three hundred of the boys and their ages run from something over fourteen years down to ten.
Of the writing, just enough will be shown to have a specimen from each boy. The great display will be in the line of map-making, and an extensive World map, which has been prepared by the school, will be shown. There are maps of all countries and States, with boundaries marked in colors, and with the names of cities, rivers, lakes, mountains, and other natural and artificial features all printed most legibly. Many of the maps in the advanced grades have been drawn in connection with the historical studies in the school. These show great battlefields, the lines of march of different armies and all the movements of the various campaigns.

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Saved Just in Time from the Window of a Building.

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A MOTHER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

She Shoots Herself with Her Dead Husband's Pistol.

Mrs. Mahala Ellingwood, a handsome woman forty-seven years of age, shot herself fatally early this morning at her residence, No. 225 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street.

In July last her husband, William Ellingwood, died of consumption. He was bookkeeper and cashier for E. J. Burke, real estate broker, of 113½ Morris street. He left his wife and only daughter, a pretty brunette of sixteen, in comfortable circumstances, with a fortune of several thousand dollars.

The widow was inconsolable after the death of her husband and has been greatly depressed ever since. So much so, in fact, that it was the constant care of her daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moynan, who resided with her to cheer her by discharging spirits lest she should become insane.

Yesterday Mrs. Ellingwood had told Mrs. Moynan, who is her niece, that she was no longer fit to live longer.

She was laughed out of her mind, and was not to be her side. A moment later Mr. and Mrs. Moynan, who occupy the floor below, and had heard the fall of a heavy body, came into the presence of the frightened girl, bearing the bleeding form of her mother, whom they had found lying in the hall.

The revolver, a .32-caliber pistol, which had belonged to Mr. Ellingwood and was kept on a table in Mrs. Ellingwood's room, lay by her side.

Dr. T. C. Taylor, of 235 One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, was called and found that the bullet had entered the brain about two inches back of the right ear.

He and Ambulance Surgeon Clinton, of the Manhattan Hospital, pronounced the wound fatal, but the woman was removed to the hospital for treatment.

The following letter, written on a torn piece of wrapping paper, was found lying on the daughter's bed:

"Go to your Aunt Hannah's when I am gone. It is my mamma to leave you. Be a good girl and always be virtuous, and if you would rather live with Aunt Sarah Mrs. Moynan, she will tell you that. I intend you will have all my money, God-bye, dear child, and God bless you. Your poor mother."

On the reverse side was written, "I did by my own hand. Mahala Ellingwood."

BEST-KNOWN CITY BARBERS.
Charles Muller and Some of His Distinguished Customers.

For a young man Charles Muller, the New street barber, has perhaps as wide an acquaintance among notabilities, both of this and other countries, as any of his fellow-artists in this city.

He is native of Bavaria, Germany. He came to this country when quite young. He learned his trade in a little shop in Rivington street sixteen years ago, and was a full-fledged barber when he obtained a chair in the shop of the Fifth Avenue Hotel in 1878.

During the last few seasons of his six years' engagement at the Fifth Avenue Hotel he was employed in the barber-shop at the Clarendon Hotel at Saratoga.

Among the celebrated statesmen and public men who were his customers at that hotel were Gen. Grant, James G. Blaine, John Sherman, William M. Evans and President Arthur.

Prominent foreigners, including several English noblemen who visited this country six or eight years ago, also received his attention. Among the noted members of the theatrical profession whom he shaved, both at the Fifth Avenue and in Saratoga, were Lawrence Barrett, E. F. Johnson, John P. Raymond, John McCullough and Fritz Schramm.

About three years ago Mr. Muller was persuaded by some of his Wall street friends to move downtown, and it was then that he opened his shop, on the corner of Stock Exchange, which has always been a popular resort with the brokers, Douglass Green, Commodore Bateman, C. E. Chapman, E. K. Willard, E. V. Dyer, Sidney W. Sharp, Samuel Campbell, R. W. Hobart, Henry W. Perkins, W. D. Moore, Dyer Pearl, W. E. Pearl, the members of the firm of Doran, Wright & Co., Harvey Durand and Harvey Marsh are among the well-known Wall street names which he has on his list.

Old Firemen Honored.
At a meeting of the Exempt Firemen's Association the Trustees were elected J. C. Roth, of Engine 26; Robert E. Nooner, Joseph E. Nooner, of Engine 26; and J. C. Roth, of Engine 26.

Mr. Roth was born in this city and served many years in the old Volunteer Fire Department and is strongly backed by the merchants and business men for the Fire Commission vacancy. Mr. Nooner served many years in the department with Mr. Roth, and is a well-known and reliable man.

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